the advent of satellite communications, this rapid expansion is placing increasingly heavy strain on the available bands of the radio frequency spectrum. Frequency management, and the monitoring services on which effective management depends for basic information, is therefore a task of considerable technical complexity, for which developing countries must be properly equipped. At the present time, most countries in the developing Asia and Pacific region do not possess sufficient numbers of trained personnel to accomplish these tasks continuously and systematically.

II. Objectives and activities

2. The development objective of the project is to enable telecommunications administrations in the region to develop and improve radio frequency management and monitoring facilities and, in that context, to promote the use of internationally accepted technical standards, procedures and practices.

3. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) carry out regular training programmes for frequency management and monitoring personnel from the participating countries; and (b) advise telecommunications administrations in the region regarding improvement of their frequency management and monitoring facilities. The training programmes referred to under (a) above will be carried out in Singapore, where the Government has offered host facilities.

III. Inputs

4. Under the assistance now approved UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for the services of a project manager and two training experts. UNDP will also finance training fellowships and a regional training seminar plus a limited quantity of instructional equipment.

5. The host Government will provide training facilities and related operational and maintenance costs.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
International staff	12	37 000	78	387 100	90	424 100
Group training		-		197 000		197 000
Equipment		-		20 000		20 000
Miscellaneous		300		4 000		4 300
		37 300		608 100		645 400

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the host Government to the project is $690,500 in kind.

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